

Lakecrest Link

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Our basketball program is really taking off with games and tournaments galore.

◆ Dates To Remember

Friday, February 4th
Report Cards
Distributed for Grades 7-9
(K-6 Reports coming in March)
Dress Down Day

Tuesday, February 8th
Mardi Gras
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Day- All parents, relatives and friends are invited to join the students in the Cafeteria between 8:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. for the World's Most Delicious Pancakes. A sinfully pleasurable prelude to the Lenten season

SPIRIT DAYS
Wednesday, February 9th
PJ Day/Crazy Hair Day
Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 10th
Crazy Hat Day and Tie Day
Parent/Teacher Interviews (Gr. 7-9)

Friday, February 11th
Students vs Teachers and Parents Basketball Game

Monday, February 14th
School Holiday, No Classes
Valentine's Day

Friday, February 18th
Dress Down Day

Thursday, February 24th
Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Study Habits

Now that Senior Exams are over, students are back to regular classes. Keeping up with assignments and homework, reviewing materials and putting in the time every day is the difference between good and excellent. Combined with good intelligence, the discipline of studying and meeting project deadlines can mean increased success in school and in life. Visiting prospective parents are constantly impressed with the level of focus our students from Kindergarten through all the grades show in every classroom.

As teachers and parents, we can nurture this sense of taking studies seriously. Checking student agendas regularly, providing a quiet atmosphere at home during study time and acknowledging successes big and small in schoolwork are little things that will pay off in big ways for our blossoming students of every age.

Any genuine teaching will result, if successful, in someone's knowing how to bring about a better condition of things than existed earlier.

John Dewey



Grade Twos share their personal poetry at the K-6 Study Hall Assembly after their visit to City Hall.



Local Actor Rick Boland works with Grade Sevens in creating dramatic works from their research in West End St. John's history, part of our ArtSmarts project.

School Uniform Policy

The Lakecrest School Community from its beginning adopted a school uniform. From time to time we need to review the regulations with students and ensure that they wear the required pieces properly. Because there are varying developmental levels through the different grade levels, students bear different levels of responsibility in this matter. Due to a decline over the past months in the general manner in which students, particularly some older ones, have been wearing the uniform, we will be establishing consequences for those who fail to comply with the uniform policy. Teachers will be sending home a note when a student is not wearing the school uniform properly.

In Grades Kindergarten through Grade Three, only positive reinforcement will be used. Students will be reminded of the uniform rules and Teachers will find ways to acknowledge and celebrate those students who wear their uniforms consistently and properly.

For students in Grades Four through Nine, we will continue to encourage, but the privilege of Dress Down Day will be reviewed where necessary. Those who do not bring their uniform pieces to school or who go around the school without a cardigan, or with shirts untucked, etc., will be wearing their school uniforms on Dress Down Days when other students will be allowed to wear whatever they want (within reason, as always). We have spoken with the students about the wearing of the school uniform. We had sincerely hoped it would not become an issue, but it is becoming one. We believe that the measures we are taking in monitoring it more closely and tying the Dress Down Day privilege to uniform observance, should be enough to gain a reasonable level of compliance. We thank parents in advance for their support in this matter.

The great end of education is to discipline rather than to furnish the mind; To train it to the use of its own powers rather than to fill it with

Snow friends enjoy the city's efforts at street clearing.

Punctuality

Over the past week, we have been seeing a higher than average number of students getting to class late in the morning. In the last two days, fully twenty percent of our students have come in late each day. It is difficult trying to imagine how this can possibly help students learn better. We understand fully that the recent snow has narrowed streets and affected traffic. It is, however, somewhat predictable and the only way to arrive on time when conditions change is to leave earlier. Two out of three groundhogs saw their shadows this week. We get the message. Winter is probably going to last a bit longer. We ask that each family do what it takes to have the children in the school before 8:25 a.m. in order to allow them to be in their desks, ready to work, when the bell rings at 8:30 a.m.

We do thank and congratulate the 80% of our families who still bring their children to school on time. To those who have let things go a bit since the snow, we ask the required effort that will help our children be ready to learn on time every time.



